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Kicks For Congress, Slaps For League & Knocks For Legislature

"Elders" Assail Wavell's Address

Liberal Leaders Urge Jail Delivery As Way Out

We had thought he would say something tangible. Instead he had given kicks for the Congress, slaps for the League, knocks for the Legislature and pats for the Executive Council said Mr. Hussain Imam in the Council of State on Friday referring to the Viceroy's address to a Joint Session of the legislature.

Mr. K. S. Ray Chaudhury moving a resolution for framing India's future constitution urged Govt. to release Congress Leaders and come to terms with them.

COUNCIL OF STATE PROCEEDINGS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

The Viceroy's speech was commented upon by a number of members of the Council of State in the course of the debate on Mr. Kumar Shankar Ray Chaudhury's resolution urging steps be taken to frame India's future constitution.

The resolution was rejected without a division.

The resolution favoured federal principles, making provision for the representation in the legislatures of agricultural, commercial, industrial and intellectual interests with equal representation for Capital and Labour and representation of such racial and religious minorities as desire it.

RELEASE LEADERS AND COME TO TERMS WITH THEM

Moving the resolution, Mr. Chaudhury urged that Government members, especially Indian members, should express their views on the question. The British Government had said that the future constitution of India must be framed by Indians themselves. The framing of a constitution for any country, he said, was difficult, but it was all the more so in India owing to the existence of an alien bureaucratic power and the political deadlock, which had been brought about by the incarceration of Congress leaders who controlled the majority of public opinion in the country. 'If Government is sincere in their professions, they should let Congress leaders free and come to terms with them. If, however, a false sense of prestige does not allow the British authorities to do so, the absence of Congress leaders should not prevent others from hammering out a constitution. I hope any constitution acceptable to the people of India will receive the wholehearted support of the Congress leaders".

"PAKISTAN UNTHINKABLE"

Referring to Pakistan the speaker said that it was unthinkable to him. Mr. Chaudhury also criticised the Muslim League demand for half the seats in the Executive Council.

The leader of the House, Sir Mohammad Usman, on behalf of the Government, reminded the House that His Majesty's Government had left the question of framing the future constitution of the country to Indians. Government would, he said, leave discussion of the resolution to non-official members and Government members would remain neutral.

Mr. Ray Chaudhry:—I want your individual opinion on the resolution.

Sir Mohd. Usman: My individual opinion is if this is the way in which you are going to deal with the Muslim League and the Muslims, it is not going to bring about an agreed solution.

Mr. R. N. Mahatha referred to the Viceroy's address and said it meant 'no negotiations, no deputations and no consultations'. Of the two important political parties in the country one was invisible, lying behind prison bars. How could any agreement be reached in these circumstances? He asked.

ADDRESS FROM 'ALMIGHTY IN INDIA

Mr. Hussain Imam thought that the resolution had only an academic interest. Only yesterday the members had listened to an address from the Almighty in India.

Sir Mohd. Usman: When speaking of the Viceroy, I would ask the Hon. Member to speak with great respect.

Mr. Imam: There can be no word of greater respect than this. He has the destinies of India in his hands. We had thought he would say something tangible. Instead he had given kicks for the Congress, slaps for the League, knocks for the Legislature and pats for the Executive Council.

Pakistan would come sooner or later. He criticised the Viceroy's references to geographical unity and asked why Belgium and Holland had been divided. Why were Norway and Sweden separate countries? Why were Spain and Portugal separate? If there was to be an independent Hindustan, peaceful and prosperous, he averred, there should be Pakistan for the Muslims.

Mr. Razai Karim opposed the resolution.

Mr. Ray Chaudhry winding up the debate said he did not wish to raise the communal question All that he wanted was to find some platform on which the different parties could come together to discuss these matters.

Avenues Of Settlement Closed

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18: Commenting on the Viceroy's speech in the Central Legislature yesterday, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, ex-Premier and Leader of the Opposition in the Bengal Assembly said: "There are hopeful signs in His Excellency's speech which form a happy augury for the future, but it suffers from one material defect. As usual, our present Viceroy has said that there should be some kind of a gesture by the imprisoned leaders before the Government could release them or allow them to participate in a conference. I fail to see how the leaders can agree to any gesture of this kind, unless they can either meet each other or can communicate the views of one to the other through common friends. Government have stopped both these avenues of communication, and yet the Viceroy expects that they must make up their minds to take some steps which will satisfy the British Government before their imprisonment is put to an end."

Jail Delivery, The Only Way

POONA, Feb. 18: Characterizing the Viceroy's speech as a most disappointing one, Sir R. P. Paranjpye, the Liberal leader, says that the Viceroy appears to be dead opposed to bringing together the two main Indian parties. The release of the Congress leaders is the only possible way of getting a move on.

The least that the Viceroy should do is to allow the members of the Working Committee to meet together, and in case there is a decided opinion for the revocation of the August resolution, some leading members may be further allowed to meet the leaders of the League and other parties. It is only thus that a beginning can be made. He welcomed the Viceroy's insistence upon India being a geographical unit.

Repetition Of Old Slogan Will Not Do

POONA, Feb. 18: That the Viceroy had repeated only the old slogan of the unanimity between the Muslim League, the Congress and other parties which Government know is not possible, and he felt convinced the Government was determined not to undertake any solution of the Indian problem, so long as the war lasts, said Mr. N. C. Kelkar, to-day commenting on the Viceroy's speech.

He suggested that the Government without demanding the revocation of the August resolution by the Congress should declare their readiness to release Congress prisoners relying on their honour not to hamper the war effort in any way. Mr. Kelkar felt confident that the Congress would reciprocate that confidence and treat Japan as a common enemy. Otherwise he said, the Government may make a sign of goodwill by completely Indianising the Executive Council though it may not be given the powers of the Parliamentary Cabinet while the war last.

Dehlavi On Viceroy's Speech

SURAT, Feb. 18:—"There is nothing in the Viceroy's speech to frighten us Muslims and make us back out from our legitimate claim of dividing India on Pakistan lines for the peace, safety and unity of the two great communities—paradoxical as it may sound, said Sir Ali Mohamad Khan Dehlavi commenting on the Viceroy's address.

His Excellency may be informed, however, that the geographical unity of India is a modern idea. India was never one geographical unity for centuries. India north of the Ganges, India south of the Ganges, India in the East, and India in the west, there were many vivisections of India before the geographical unity could at all be claimed. It is not only Pakistan which asks for a division. Many other elements particularly in the South have been clamouring for a division. However, these may be considered academic problems."—A. P.

Warning To Malaviya

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18

Mr. Kiron Sanker Roy, Leader of the Official Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party, said that he was very happy to say that he expected nothing new from the Viceroy, and, therefore, was not disappointed by his speech in the Central Assembly.

"I would only request our venerable leader, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya", he added "to consider whether it will be of any use to have an all-party conference for the removal of the political deadlock, in view of the Viceroy's speech."

Sir Chimanlal On Viceroy's Speech

BOMBAY, Feb. 18.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad in a statement, on the Viceroy's speech says:—

The Governor-General's address to the legislatures is satisfactory so far as it reiterates the intention of the British Government to give India complete self-Government with the right of secession from the British Commonwealth of nations to frame her own constitution, emphasises the unity of India, exhorts the two main political parties to come to an understanding and to co-operate in the war efforts.

He wants the Congress to abandon its policy as contained in the "Quit India" resolution of August, 1942, but is not prepared to make it easy for the Congress leaders to do what he wishes them to do. He says that it is not necessary that the Congress leaders, who are detained should consult amongst themselves or with any outsider in order to decide to abandon their attitude. It is only by discussing and consulting amongst themselves that a change of attitude is possible.

SNEER NOT HELPFUL

To expect each detenu by himself to come to the same conclusion is to ask for the impossible.

The sneer underlying the statement that the Congress leaders should consult their own conscience is not helpful. It is a pity that it is not realised that the longer you keep the Congress leaders in jail, the greater will be their hold on the masses. Therefore, Government should facilitate in every way their correcting their mistake without compromising their position As I once said, if by bringing the Working Committee members together, Government succeed in bringing Congress back to co-operation, everything will be gained.

If, on the contrary, the Congress leaders stick to their original position, the action of Government in detaining them will be more than justified.

Wavell Does Not Want Other Side To Bat!

BENARES, Feb. 17.—Maharaj Kumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagarm, M.L.A., President of the Andhra Mahasabha says:—"There is to be neither a Pakistan-cum-Hindu Raj, nor Hindu-cum-Pakistan Raj, but "status quo" Raj. These (Wavell's) words mirror the mind of the British cabinet in its truest sense.

I had forecast that Lord Wavell was going to follow the innings of Lord Linlithgow and one cannot but conclude that he does not want the other side to bat"—A. P.

MOONJE THANKS VICEROY

POONA, Feb. 18.

Dr. B. S. Moonje, the Hindu Mahasabha leader, in a statement on the Viceroy's speech thanks the Viceroy for making the controversy regarding Pakistan "evaporate into thin air" and requests the Government to convene a Round Table Conference and place before them the Federal Constitution of 1935, with whatever new proposals the Government may think fit for the Conference to ponder and suggest adjustments and amendments.

WHY MORE PAGES FOR NEWSPAPERS

KARACHI, Feb. 18: The "Sind Observer" says: The Viceroy has invited people like Mr. Rajagopalachari to prepare a constitution, if they can with Congress leaders in jail. For the next few months men like Rajaji will keep themselves busy.

"We see now why the Government of India has made a generous allotment of two more pages in a week for six weeks."—A. P.

NAZI ATTACKS ON ANZIO BEACHHEAD BEATEN OFF

ALGIERS, Feb. 18

It is officially announced that heavy German attacks on the Anzio beachhead position have been beaten off by British and American troops of the Fifth Army

GERMANS BEATEN BACK

Very fierce fighting ensued when determined counter-attacks drove the Germans back. As this area in the vicinity of Carrocetto has been consistently described as a British area, it is safe to assume that it was British withstood the full fury of the asault. German pressure is no less severe in the American zone around Cisterna but Kesselring's onslaught was repulsed here outright in equally savage fighting.

FIGHTING IN YUGOSLAVIA

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Fighting just south of the famous last war battlefield of Caporetto between General Tito's forces and the Germans is reported in to-day's Communique from the Headquarters of the Yugoslav National Army of Liberation.

Reporting on operations in northern Italy the Communique says: "Units of the 30th Division have crossed the River Isonzo between Gorizia and Tolomina and have occupied its right bank. Bitter fighting is now going on. In the Croatian province of Zagorje, bitter fighting continues between Lubrieg and Koprivnica along the Hungarian borders.

TRAIN DERAILED

In Serbia between Vranje and Kumanovo on the main Belgrade-salonika railway, military train was derailed.

In the Biokovo area on the Dalmatian coast, south of Split a German garrison was annihilated in two villages and 60 Germans killed or wounded.—Reuter.

Menace To Indian Trade

Three-Point British Plan For Exploitation

(From A Special Correspondent).

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Expert economists here see a danger for the post-war Indian trade and industrialisation in Mr. Woolton's speech yesterday. Mr. Woolton envisaged (1) statutory provisions for securing adequate British exports to India and to the Empire, (2) gradual export of investment capital to the Empire under the State auspices and (3) increase of invisible exports under the cover of expansionist policy.

The British post-war prosperity is to be built gradually on the above three-point plan. The British manufacturers and financiers have been at present planning the means to strengthen the economic control on India by exporting investment capital and increased exports of manufactured goods. The future Indo-British trade is bound to be based on bartering raw materials for consumer goods. The experts declare that this policy hinders Indian industrial development until such time when India can be politically free to devise and execute her own economic policies.

Mr. G. D. Birla's suggestion that an Indian industrial delegation should visit Britain this year has aroused great interest here although some circles doubt whether the Government of India would give them travel facilities.

'QUAKE IN PATNA

PATNA, Feb. 18.

An earthquake shock of great intensity lasting ten seconds was felt here at 10-20 a.m. to-day.

Similar reports have been received so far from Motihari, Chapra, Muzzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Monghyr and Bhagalpur.

No damage or casualty has been reported.—United Press.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18: An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 410 miles away from Calcutta was recorded by the Alipore Seismograph at 10-29 hours (I.S.T.) to-day.—A. P.

MUZAFFARPUR, Feb. 18: A short but sharp earthquake pocked Muzaffarpur this morning at 10-25. Windows and doors rattled, roofs creaked and people ran helterskelter. No report of damage has yet been received.

FOURTH TERM FOR ROOSEVELT?

Henry Wallace On Popular Demand For Extension For The President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.

Mr. Henry Wallace, United States Vice-President, who has just returned from a tour of the west coast, stated that he had found a strong demand for a fourth term for President Roosevelt. "I do not know whether President Roosevelt is running for a fourth term, but I think he will be elected," he said. He thought soldier vote would greatly favour President Roosevelt and expressed the opinion that if he were not elected for a fourth term it would hinder the war effort.—Reuter.

U. S. PARTICIPATION IN U. N. R. R. A.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.

By 47 votes to 14 the Senate to-day passed a joint resolution enabling the United States to participate in the work of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The Bill is now returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate approved amendments to the Bill, firstly providing that the U.N.R.R.A. cannot enter into any contracts beyond the limit of its appropriations, secondly, prohibiting the initiation of any educational programmes under the U.N.R.R.A. thirdly, insisting strongly that Congress shall determine the amount and character of the United States contributions to the work of U.N.R.R.A.

Aid To India

NEW YORK: Sardar J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America, expressed satisfaction on the passage by the Senate of the U.N.R.R.A. Bill. Sardar Singh said: "Inasmuch as the famine and disease stricken areas of Bengal and Assam" are important to the United Nations military operations "they now come under the jurisdiction of the U.N.R.R.A.

In Washington I am given to understand by Mr. Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of State and Chairman of the U.N.R.R.A. that the passage of the Bill would be considered by him as a directive from Congress and that the American Delegation will carry out the wishes of Congress".

Sardar Singh added: "Mr. Acheson is also of opinion that this recommendation from Congress will certainly carry weight when the question of aid to India is discussed at the next meeting of the U.N.R.R.A. Council

I am delighted that the people of America, through Congress, have sent this message of sympathy and encouragement and promised help to the people of India in their hour of sufferance.—Reuter.

Viceroy In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 18.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Vicerene arrived in Madras by air this afternoon. The arrival was private.—A. P.

SYKES SHIELD

The Director of Information Bombay writes:

The Sir Frederick Sykes Challenge Shield for the best village improvement work during 1942 in the Northern Division has been awarded to the village of Akru, in the Dhandhuka taluka of the Ahmedabad district.

SOCIALIST WINS BY-ELECTION

National Conservative Beaten

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Alderman Charles White, Independent Socialist has won the West Derby by-election, defeating the National Conservative candidate, Lord Hartington with a majority of 4,561 votes.

The voting was Alderman White 16,336, Lord Hartington 11,775 and the Independent Agriculturist, Robert Goodall 233.

The by-election was caused by the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel H. Hunlocke, uncle of Lord Hartington whose majority over Alderman White at the 1938 by-election was 5,524.—Reuter.

SHOCK TO TORIES

LONDON, Feb. 18

A cobbler's son has defeated a marquis in the liveliest by-election campaign in Britain since the present Government was formed says Reuter's Special Correspondent. In spite of all-out support by Mr. Churchill, Conservative, Labour and Liberal Party Headquarters, the Independent Labour Candidate, Alderman Charles White, won the West Derbyshire contest with a large majority over Mr. Robert Goodall—Independent who made only one speech—polled only 233 votes out of over 28,000 and lost his deposit.

Alderman White's victory comes as a shock to Conservative Party Headquarters already alarmed by the trends in recent by-elections and will necessitate second thoughts about the working of the political truce amongst all parties supporting the Government.—Reuter.

ANOTHER SOCIALIST WIN

GLASGOW, Feb. 18:—The Socialist canddate Mr T. F. Hubbard was returned in Kricaldy Fifeahire, by-Election with a majority of 1,047 votes over the Scottish Nationalist candidate Mr. Douglas C. C. Young Mr. Hubbard is a Government candidate under the by-election truce.—Reuter.

Plea For Trial Of Detenus

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18

The Council of State took up Pt. H. N. Kunzru's resolution.

Sir Reginald Maxwell agreed to this suggestion.

Pt. Kunzru moving the resolution, referred to Ordinance III of 1944 promulgated by Government providing for information to be given to detenus of the grounds of detention and review of such cases and said that while Sec. 3 of the new Ordinance laid down the procedure for detaining persons without trial, the corresponding section in the Defence of India Act and D.I.R. 26 had not been rescinded.

Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, winding up the debate, said he did not agree with the Home Member's remark that the presence of Advisory Committees would make the executive less careful.

The resolution was rejected by 26 votes to 14 and the House adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

JAP RESISTANCE IN NGAKYEDAUK PASS

I. A. F. Co-operate With Fourteenth Army On Arakan Front

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

ARAKAN: During the February, 16, steady progress was made by our forces in all sectors, and a definite improvement in the general situation has been reported, says an Allied War Communique.

West of the Mayu range our artillery intensively shelled enemy positions and several parties of Japanese were seen leaving the area concerned. In the Ngakyedauk Pass area operations are continuing against stiff enemy resistance. At one point especially, the enemy sustained considerable casualties.

East of the Mayu range our infantry supported by tanks, attacking from the east made some progress, but another of our attacks from the north came under very heavy enemy fire and was held up. Slightly to the north of this area one village was cleared of the enemy by our forces.

Kaladan: West African troops continue their advance southwards and active patrolling is being carried out.

Tiddim: No enemy activity has been reported. Our troops have occupied an enemy position west of Fort While.

Hukawng Valley: Fighting continues, and an enemy position southwest of Taipha Ga has been overrun. Chinese troops occupied a village south of Taipha Ga without opposition.

R.A.F. medium bombers of the Strategic Air Force, Eastern Air Command bombed Toungoo airfield on the night of 16th/17th February.

In the Arakan, R.A.F. escorted dive bombers attacked an enemy position north of Rathedaung, while another dive bomber raid was made northeast of Maungdaw. Fighters carried out offensive reconnaissances in the area and attacked gun positions and enemy transport and river craft.

Fighter Reconnaissance and dive-bomber squadrons of the Indian Air Force have been in action on the Burma Front since late in November, says a press-note. They have flown more than a thousand sorties, dropped 300,000 lbs. of bombs and completed nearly 2,000 flying hours. A record was created for both the R. A. F. and I. A. F. on this front by a fighter reconnaissance squadron in the average number of sorties and hours flown by each pilot per month.

Flying over Japanese occupied territory, by day or night in all kind of weather, I.A.F. hurricane pilots have carried out low level reconnaissance and returned with information and photographs of the highest value. Vultee Vengeance Dive-bomber crews have blasted the Japs in their foxholes and bunkers, dropping many bomb-loads on the Arakan Front. Camouflaged enemy positions in the Maungdaw and Buthidaung areas have had a particularly warm time from Indian pilots.

Their close co-operation with the 14th Army has been highly appreciated by the officers and men.—A. P.

Allied Attack On Jap Convoy

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Allied Headquarters, south-west Pacific: A Communique to-day says: New Ireland—Massau Island: our reconnaissance planes during night spotted a convoy attempting to bring in supplies and reinforcements from the north to the enemy's hard-pressed garrisons in Bismarck Archipelago. Our heavy and medium units immediately struck destroying or severely damaging 8,000-ton tanker which was beached, a 6,000-ton transport or cargo ship, three 1,500-ton cargo ships and the escorting destroyer.

GREEN ISLANDS: Our air patrols after dawn intercepted 15 enemy dive-bombers attacking our shipping and shot down six without loss.

Enemy dive-bombers at dusk attacked our shipping west of Empress Augusta Bay with minor damage and moderate casualties. Two planes were shot down.

TREASURY ISLANDS: "A dawn raid by two enemy planes was ineffective".—Reuter.

HARILAL SEES KASTURBA

POONA, Feb. 18: Mr. Harilal Gandhi, the eldest son of Mahatma Gandhi, saw Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi last evening.—A. P.

Fierce Fighting At Truk

TOKYO, Feb. 18.

An Imperial Headquarters Communique quoted by the Japanese News Agency said to-day (Friday) that fierce fighting is now going on between Allied and Japanese forces on the island of Truk, Japan's big naval base in the Pacific, less than two thousand miles from Yokohama.

The Communique added: "Formations of carrier-based planes belonging to the enemy task force have repeatedly raided our positions on Truk Island since yesterday morning". Reuter adds this is the first mention from Japanese sources of Admiral Chester Nimitz's new assault.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN WAR COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS

CANBERRA, Feb. 18.—The Commonwealth Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin, announced to-day, resignations of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Robert Menzies and of Mr. William Hughes from the Australian Advisory War Council.

Both are members of the United Australia Party.—Reuter.

EMPIRE EDITORS PROTEST AGAINST ANZIO BLACK-OUT

LONDON, February 17.

British Empire Newspaper and News Agency Editors today decided to protest to the British War Secretary, Sir James Grigg, against the new censorship restrictions in the past few days on Allied war reporters in the Anzio bridgehead.

SPECIFY CHARGES

The Editors ask that facilities for transmission of messages by radio be immediately restored and charges against correspondents be specified and that he should state to whom and on what evidence these charges were made.

The meeting also declared that the imposition of censorship, other than security, is contrary to public interests and should be removed forthwith.

Red Cross Boxing Tournament

Fourteen fights made up the card in the Inter Services Boxing Tournament held in aid of the Red Cross Week at the Barbourne Stadium, on Friday night. The Royal Indian Navy boxers, trained by the well-known Fali Billimoria tied with the Army, each winning six bouts; while the R.A.F. followed up with two wins. One of the two R.I.N. candidates who failed was Mike Carvalho, who fought Cpl. McFarlane (Army). Even the decision awarded in the above fight came in for a lot of dispute.

At the end of the bouts Maj.-General C. R. E. Aitken, who presided, gave away the trophies.

Results:—

Mosquito Weight: Pte. Roberts (Army) outpointed E R A Singh (R.I.N.).

Flyweight: E R A Sigamany (R. I. N.) outpointed Pte West (Army). Sto. Boy Pereira (R.I.N.) outpointed Spr. Robbins (Army). The referee stopped the fight in the second round. E. R. A. Engles (R.I.N.) outpointed A. C Richards (R.A.F.) The referee stopped the fight in the second round.

Feather Weight: E R A. Singh (R.I.N.) outpointed Pte John (Army) App. D'Gama (R.I.N.) outpointed Gnr. Kirk (Army).

Lightweight: Pte Porter (Army) outpointed L.A.C Richards (R.A.F.) App. King (R.I.N.) outpointed L.A.C Lankenan (R.A.F.). Cpl. McFarlane (R. A F.) outpointed M. Carvalho (R.I.N.).

Middleweight: Gnr. McCoubrey (Army) outpointed L. A. C. Walsham (R.A.F.). The referee stopped the fight in the second round.

Welterweight: L Cpl. Crockford (Army) outpointed Sgt Donnison (R. A. F.). A C Naylor (R.A.F.) outpointed Pte. Moreno (Army). The referee stopped the fight in the third round.

Lightheavyweight: C S. M. Haslam (Army) outpointed L/Cpl. Flynn (Army). Cpl. Glavin (Army) outpointed L/Cpl. Gallagher (Army).

BENGAL AND ASSAM DETENUS

Leave Granted For Appeal To Federal Court

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

The rules obtained by 351 security prisoners from different parts of Bengal and Assam in the nature of "Habeas Corpus" under Sec. 491 Cr. P. C. against the orders of detention passed under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules have been discharged by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Lodge at the Calcutta High Court, as in their opinion, Clause 10 (2) of the new Ordinance 111 of 1944, (Restriction and Detention Ordinance) which ousted the jurisdiction of the court to give relief was not invalid.

A certificate for leave to appeal under Sec. 205 of the Government of India Act to the Federal Court was granted in these matters.

Barring some three or four cases, this disposed of all the cases of security prisoners pending in this court.—A. P.

RIO DE JANEIRO: The former Brazilian Minister in China Renato Lacerda Lago has been appointed Minister in Teheran.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JAP SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters Southwest Pacific: Feb. 18. Allied aircraft are today keeping up their attacks on the heavily mauled Japanese convoy off Nassau Island. The convoy is attempting to take supplies and reinforcements to the hard-pressed garrisons in the Bismarck Archipelago. Reports which have so far come in do not make it clear how many vessels the convoy comprised but from the number of 500 pound bomb hits on vessels reported in today's "communique", it is certain that the majority of the ships were sunk.—Reuter.

NAZIS EVACUATE STARAYA RUSSA

Russians Launch Infantry And Tank Attack In Krivoi Rog Area

LONDON, Feb. 18:—Staraya Russa the evacuation of which by the Germans is reported by the German News Agency today is one of the strongest of the Germans' famous hedge-hog positions south of Leningrad.

Staraya Russia is linked by the railway running westwards through Dno to Shpola and with its evacuation, the Germans have now lost control of all railways south of Leningrad for a distance of 180 miles.

SOVIET ATTACK IN KRIVOI ROG AREA

BERLIN, Feb. 18.

Today's German "communique" says that Russians launched a strong infantry and tank attack in the Krivoi Rog area yesterday. Heavy fighting developed and is still going on, "communique" said, adding that particularly fierce fighting is taking place in the "dent" in the front south-east of Krivoi Rog.

MANSTEIN FACES BIGGEST CRISIS

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow cables:

Marshal Von Manstein is today facing the biggest crisis of his careers as huge Soviet forces freed by the destruction of trapped divisions prepare for a new all-out drive to the west.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT VETOES ANTI-SUBSIDY BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18

President Roosevelt to-day vetoed the anti-Subsidy Bill passed by Congress yesterday. In a message to Congress he labled the Bill "an inflation measure, a high cost of living measure and a food shortage measure" which has his "most emphatic and vigorous disapproval."—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Feb. 18.

Previous Closing	20 70
Today's Opening	20.72
Difference	+02
Today's Closing	20.71
Difference	+01

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA Feb. 18.

Better tone was again in evidence in the market today on renewed buying support and a fair business was put through. Government securities were unaltered.

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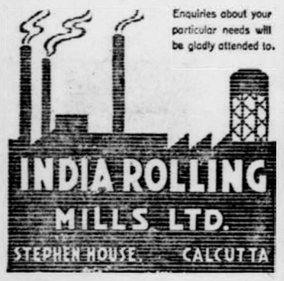

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Lusitanians Win Provincial Hockey Championship

There was a large crowd present at the B.P.H.A. ground on Thursday, to witness the final of the Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship. The contestants were the G.I.P. Railway, the League Champions, and the Lusitanians, the runners-up. For the first time since the inception of this tournament, the 'Lusis' succeeded in wresting this title from the Railway who were its holders during the last two years. On the day's play they thoroughly deserved their victory. D'Sa their inside right, gave them an early lead to which they firmly held till the end. The Railwaymen, though individually brilliant, did not combine as well as they should have. Their team-work was generally faulty which gave the 'Lusis' the opportunity to hold them at bay and gain the verdict by a solitary goal.

After the match, Sir Homi Mehta, President of the B.P.H.A. presided and distributed the trophies and prizes.

Inter-Provincial Hockey

The Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament will commence at the B.P.H.A. ground, Churchgate, on Monday next. Eleven teams have joined the list and they are: Delhi, the holders, Bombay, Punjab, Mysore, Central Provinces and Berar, Sind, Gwalior, United Provinces, Central India, Bengal and Manavadar. In the draw the teams stand in the above order with the exception that the holders are at the bottom instead of at the top. Bombay is due to meet the Punjab in the second round, having drawn a bye in the first.

This is the second occasion when the National Championship will be staged in Bombay. In 1940 it was held here for the first time and Bombay won the Championship by defeating Bengal in a memorable final. Lahore had the honour of staging it in 1942. It is very likely Bombay would have returned with the title, if they were not deprived of the Services of the noted G.I.P. players. However, Bombay will now have an opportunity of regaining the highest honour in the domain of hockey in India which, in other words, means the leadership of the world, as India stands supreme in this game since the year 1928.

A rare treat of hockey is promised during the next few days as the cream of Indian hockey will be seen in action. Who will represent Bombay has not been decided yet. A match between Probables and Possibles will be played on the Association ground this evening, after which the Selectors will choose the team finally. There is every hope the most deserving players will be selected.

Indian Olympic Games

Mr. S. H. Mehta, manager of Bombay team to Patiala writes:—

On my return to Bombay, my attention has been drawn to complaints made in various newspapers regarding the travelling accommodation of the team that proceeded to Patiala for the 11th Olympic Games. An impression has been created in the minds of the public that preferential treatment was given to the officials. I give below the facts:

"Owing to lack of funds the Committee of the Bombay Olympic Association decided that the Bombay team should be accompanied by one Official only i.e., myself, as Manager of the team and everybody should travel Inter class. The Committee, however, agreed that if suitable persons volunteered to accompany the team to Patiala at their own expense, they were to be allowed to do so. Eleven such 'officials' travelled with the team and paid in full their railway fares and other expenses. The majority of these volunteer officials travelled Inter but some went in second class. I travelled Inter class as also all the athletes except a couple who had free second class railway passes.

Miss Salway being a member of the B.P.O.A. Committee knew these arrangements and it is surprising that she should have supplied such information to the press as made it possible for them to publish matter likely to mislead the public. With travelling so difficult as at present when berths are not guaranteed even in second class it is unsporting of an athlete to demand special facilities at the last minute. The general opinion of the athletes was that the team had been badly let down by Miss Salway."

DOYEN OF INDIAN FILMDOM PASSES AWAY

Have You Seen "Taqdeer" And "Hamari Baat"

Dadasaheb Phalke, Pioneer of Indian Film Industry.

By T. V. P.

By the death of Mr. D. G. alias Dadasaheb Phalke, the Indian film industry has lost its veritable father and pioneer. He started producing Indian silent pictures in 1911 and his early productions like "Lanka-Dahan", "Krishna Janma", "Shakuntala" and "Satyavan-Savitri" are still remembered as very creditable pieces of cinematic work. His worth was recognised when the silver jubilee of the Indian Film Industry was celebrated in Bombay in 1939. He was lionised by every one who had anything to do with the film industry and a purse also was presented to him at the hands of the late Mr. Satyamurti.

NEW FILM AT TWO THEATRES

"Anguthi" produced by Janak Pictures, starring Chandraprabha and Ashok Kumar was released yesterday at two theatres simultaneously, viz., Capitol and Kamal.

"Naya Tarana" now entering its third week at Central has been hailed as a fine piece of purposeful entertainment. Director Najm Naqvi has brightened every situation with intelligent gags in the first half and emotional fervour and melodrama characterise the second half. Snehaprabha, Jairaj and David have given sparkling performances.

'Shankar-Parvati' at Royal Opera House released last week continues to draw crowds. The story has a universal mass appeal in that Shankar and Parvati, two great mythological figures have been humanised in this screenplay. Shankara's tandava and its after-effects are a sight to see.

'TAQDEER' AND 'HAMARI BAAT

In order to oblige an up-country guest but in effect to my own benefit, I witnessed 'Taqdeer' at Roxy and

Nargis and Motilal in "Taqdeer" at Roxy.

Arun and Sadhana Bose in 'Shankar Parvati' at Opera House.

'Hamari Baat' at Imperial once again. I discovered that not seeing 'Taqdeer' once again would have meant a loss. On the first occasion, I missed some of the early sequences because I went late. But I found that the Kumbha Mela scenes and the beginning of an engrossing story just then are such features of 'Taqdeer' as one cannot afford to miss. As I witnessed those scenes, Mr. N. S. Phadke's novel "Kulabyachi Dandi" came back to my mind, but of course in the development of the story, there is nothing common in the artistic works of Phadke and Mehboob. 'Taqdeer' is quite enjoyable entertainment, any evening, because of the fine performances of Charlie and Motilal and the beautiful maiden work of the new star Nargis.

"Hamari Baat" has brought to the screen the 'Devika Rani' of 'Achhut Kanya' 'Vachan' again to the screen. Whoever thought that she had lost something of her old beauty and histrionic talent because of memories of 'Anjan' would find that 'Hamari Baat' has put everything right. 'Hamari Baat' is a triumph of teamwork which has always been a characteristic of Bombay Talkies. Shah Nawaz, David, Mumtaz and Jairaj have given excellent support to Devika Rani, who is in her full splendour in 'Hamari Baat.'

Among the other attractions in town are of course 'Kanoon', 'Wapas', 'Salma', 'Shakuntala' and 'Bhaktaraj'. 'Prithvi-Vallabh' is being withdrawn from West End and for those who have not seen or want to see it again. This is the last week.

Selections For Today's Races

NEBULEUX III POSSESSES OUTSTANDING CHANCE IN RAJPIPLA GOLD CUP

FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

The Rajpipla Gold Cup is the chief attraction in the programme due for decision at Mahalaxmi today. The Maharaja of Kashmir's Nebuleux III possesses outstanding chance in this rich event.

The following are my selections:—

1ST RACE: Miss Irene 1; Kabadon Jamil 2; Harut 3.
2ND RACE: Hind Kesari 1; Sahran 2; Sukab Baghdad 3.
3RD RACE: Ayesha 1; Enchantress II 2; Another Devil 3.
4TH RACE: Friendship 1; Mehjabin 2; Firouze 3.
5TH RACE: Alijah 1; Wonderful 2; Royal Page 3.
6TH RACE: Nebuleux III 1; Usk 2; Apsapi 3.
7TH RACE: Philanthropist 1; Truefit 2; Humourist 3.
8TH RACE: Dahman Ramzi 1; Faraz Allah 2; Firpo 3.
9TH RACE: Micky Mouse 1; Yisir Al Arab 2; Ala Honak 3.
FLUKES: Maha and General.

WAVELL'S SPEECH IS

Vindication Of Bold Stand Taken By Congress

Viceroy's Address Reveals British Unwillingness To Part With Power, Says Abdul Qayum

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17

Congressmen are indifferent, Leaguers are angry and others disappointed at Wavell's speech to Central Legislature. Mr. Abdul Qayum, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in special interview told me: "Political India did not expect much from the Viceroy, and the expected has happened. The perusal of speech shows the same persistency of refusal by the British Government to part with power and the same determination to carry on war with the help of such groups of men who helped them out of pure self-interest or in consequence of dire necessity of life.

The speech is full of promises as to what would happen after war is won. India, however, has ceased to pin her faith to such promises. To my mind the speech is best vindication of the bold stand taken up by the Congress. Lord Wavell solemnly concedes the right of India to secede from the Empire, but refuses to release the acknowledged leaders of Indian masses unless they cleared their heads of "Quit India" mentality.

Leaguers are angry over the reiteration of Linlithgow's "Geographically one India" assertion. Wavell's slogan for the Leaguers is "You cannot alter Geography".

The speech is full of new implications which according to lobbies has further watered down the Cripps' original offer. Reference is particularly made to Wavell's under taking that "Full account be taken of interests of those who loyally supported us in this war and at all other times—soldiers, people who have worked with us and rulers and populations of States to whom we are pledged and minorities who have trusted us to see that they get fair deal."

Wavell Takes After Amery And Linlithgow

LUCKNOW, Feb. 18.

"The Viceroy's address coming almost immediately after the recent speech of the Home Member is not unexpected. Nevertheless it is bound to create a feeling of disappointment among a large and important section of the people of India".

Thus observed Sir Maharaj Singh, President of the Liberal Federation of India, in an interview to the "United Press".

"The Viceroy", Sir Maharaj added, "like his predecessor and the Secretary of State refers to the necessity for an agreed solution of the political and communal problems in India but he fails to indicate how this is possible without the release of the Congress leaders who represent the largest element in Indian population. INDICATES NO CHANGE OF POLICY

NAGPUR, Feb 18.—Commenting on the Viceroy's speech at the Central Legislature the "Hindustan Herald", an English Daily says:

The speech heavily underlines the determination of the Government not to have the slightest idea of changing policy towards India, not to speak of handing over the administration so that the people can call it their own. There is definitely nothing doing with the British Government.

"It is easy", the paper concludes, "to be self-complacent over the measure of co-operation received from the country. The speech adds another page to the tragic story of what might have been".—United Press.

British Press Supports Wavell's Stand

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The primary British aim in handling the situation in India to-day must be to achieve speedy victory, stress London morning papers to-day commenting on Lord Wavell's address to the Indian Central Legislature.

The 'Daily Telegraph and Morning Post' comments, "Intransigents of the Congress Party will protest that Lord Wavell took no new initiative. To grant their demand for the release of leaders who obstinately refuse to abandon disruptive courses which endanger the safety of the Allied cause in the east would not have been initiative but abandonment of our duty to the Indian population. Until the chief parties still antagonistic come to terms and co-operate loyally for the welfare of India as a whole, they will continue to obstruct the path to Indian freedom.

The Viceroy gave the recalcitrants one more invitation to join an authoritative body which would examine the constitutional problem and might produce an agreement more readily acceptable than the Cripps' Plan. If they are still intractable India's progress towards dominion status will be so much the slower but the spirit and methods of the Viceroy's policy aim to make it sure.'—Reuter.

SCHEME FOR FREE MEDICAL SERVICE FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 17.

All doctors in Britain and those serving in the forces will be able to give a "yes" or "no" answer to the British Government proposals announced on Thursday for a national free medical service for all citizens.

The British Medical Association is to send them a questionnaire on the subject. Chairman of the Council of the Association Dr. H. Guy Dain made this comment on the scheme last night:—

"The Scheme is capable of being built into a good service and we give it a cautious welcome until we have had an opportunity of exploring the detailed machinery".

TO ENSURE GOOD HEALTH OF ALL

The Socialist Medical Association which has about 2,000 members—doctors, nurses and pharmacists, and is affiliated to the Labour Party—on Thursday welcomed the White Paper. Dr Somerville Hastings, its President, said, "It establishes a hundred per cent health service for a hundred per cent of the people."—Reuter.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE:—Annual General Function of the Municipal Schools under the presidentship of Sir Chimanlal H. Setalvad, on the Gilder Tank Playground, Lamington Road, today (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (New S. T).

BOMBAY PRARTHANA SAMAJ:—Annual social gathering of the Ram Mohan English School No. 2 (Dadar) at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, today (Saturday) at 4 p m (S T) when Dr K S Mhaskar, will preside.

BOMBAY YOUTH ASSOCIATION:—Mr. Dinkar Sakrikar will speak on "the Student Movement" at 10-30 a.m. tomorrow (Sunday) at Municipal Dongri School next to Derby Talkies, Umerkhadi.

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MAHILA MANDAL, ANDHERI:—Public meeting of ladies residing at Andheri in the Hall of Sheth Madhavdas Amersey High School today (Saturday) at 4 p.m. to express grief at the sad demise of Mrs. Motibahen Jivanlal Chenoy, President of the Mahila Mandal. Shrimati Tapibahen Madhavdas Amersey will preside

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE:—Discourse on 'Jnaneshwari' by Sri D V. Sabnis, at 5-30 p.m. today (Saturday)

COMMUNIST PARTY:—"Save Bengal Exhibition" at the Kamgar Maidan, Parel, today (Saturday). It will remain open till 28th Feb. the visiting hours being 11 a m to 2 p m and 5 p m to 9 p m No fees will be charged

RAMAKRISHNA VIVEKANANDA CENTRE:—Swami Sambuddhananda will conduct the weekly class on 'Mundak Upanishad' at 5-30 p.m. today (Saturday) at the Centre premises, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar B B and C I Rly.

FREE POPULAR SCIENCE LECTURE:—Prof Ranade will speak on 'Hereditary Horoscope' in the Royal Institute of Science today (Saturday) at 4 p m.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT:—"As I Look To The West" will be the subject of a public Symposium in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 pm Mr G Y Chitnis will preside. Mr M D Japeth will lead.

THE BOMBAY MATHEMATICAL COLLOQUIUMS:—Dr C G Pendse, of the Meteorological Observatory Colaba, will speak on "Seismographs and Seismograms" at 4 p m today (Saturday) in the Usuf Ismail College, Jogeshwari.

LECTURES ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY:—Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Khar, will deliver a lecture on different schools of Vedanta Philosophy at Batlibol's Institute, Prescot Road, Fort, Bombay today (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES:—Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram will conduct class on Bagwat Geeta at the Ramakrishna mission Library Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 10 a.m (S T). The Swami will also conduct a class on the gospels of Sri Ramakrishna (in Hindi and English) at the above Hall at 6-30 p.m.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN:—Prof. Yashwant Shukla, will deliver a lecture in Gujarati on "The Correct View point of Literary Criticism" at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at 5-30 p.m. today (Saturday).

HINDI PRACHAR SABHA, MALAD:—Free Rashtrabhasha Prarambhik, Praveshi, Parichaya and Kovid classes tomorrow (Saturday) at 9 a.m. at the Malad Cenatral School, Opp. Jubilee Talkies, Malad.

ARIYAKKUDI'S CONCERT POSTPONED:—The Secretary of the South Indian Sangeetha Sabha informs that the recital by Ariyakkudi Ramanuja Iyengar and party fixed for Sunday 20th inst. has been postponed.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE:—(Bombay North) Concert by Nissar Hussein at 10 p.m. at Khalsa College Hall, Matunga.

DISARMAMENT FOR ALL NATIONS

Sastri Condemns Roosevelt-Churchill Peace Plan

POONA, Feb. 16.

That universal disarmament and creation of an International authority with sufficient forces at its command to put down a rebel amongst nations was necessary if the coming Peace Conference was to secure its main object of establishing such conditions as to eliminate all chances of future war, was the opinion put forward by Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivas Sastri, speaking on reconstruction of the world after the war in Poona this evening. No individual nation, not even Great Britain or the United States of America, should be allowed to have an army of its own, he said. The mistake that was made in the last war of establishing a League of Nations which could make only recommendations which any powerful nation could defy must be rectified.

Though this view, Mr. Sastri observed, was accepted by all thinkers of the world who had the larger humanitarian point of view in their mind, recent speeches of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt indicated that the British and American Governments were not quite willing to accept this point. On the contrary, their speeches showed that they wanted to disarm the guilty and war-like nations while remaining suitably protected themselves. The last clause of the 'Atlantic Charter' also made distinction between 'peace-loving' nations and 'peace breaking' nations. This distinction which assumed that the present Allied nations will be peace-loving for all time and the Axis powers will always be guilty nations, Mr. Sastri said, was a wrong one, for history and observations failed to record the continuance of the same policy by one nation for all time.

Mr. Sastri hoped therefore in the interests of the world at large and for the future benefit of humanity that the Peace Conference would accept the more humanitarian point—though it seemed a remote possibility—and not the restricted view of disarmament as put forward by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, the present leaders of the Allied Nations.—A. P.

Bhulabhai Opens Tagore Art Exhibition

"The name of Tagore symbolizes all that is best and noblest in Indian culture". Thus observed Mr. Bhulabhai Desai inaugurating the Tagore Week and declaring open the exhibition of paintings of Rabindranath, Abanindranath, Gaganendranath and Nandalal Bose, at the Prince of Wales Museum on Friday evening.

The exhibition also contained some manuscripts, souvenirs and translations of Tagore's works in different languages. Some handicrafts and paintings of other Shantiniketan artists were also among the exhibits.

Mr. Bhulabhai observed that the purpose of the exhibition was to bring home to the Bombay public the true significance of Tagore's art. Tagore's art, said the speaker, had given to the world some diversion from the drab materialism of daily life.

Referring to Shantiniketan, the speaker pointed out how it had acquired international fame by Tagore's efforts to bring East and West together and by his efforts to bring about international brotherhood.

The exhibition forms one of the functions during Tagore's Week and remains open till Friday 25. It is organized by the Tagore Society of Bombay.

A.-I. Postmen's Demands

NEW DELHI, 17.

A deputation on behalf of the All-India Postmen and Lower Grade Staff Union led by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta met Mr. Shoobert, Director General, today and urged the need for increased dearness allowance to meet the rising cost of living.

The Union has decided to call a meeting in Delhi on February 29 of the 11 members selected by the last annual conference to consider that further steps should be taken to secure an increase in dearness allowance.—A. P.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF INDIA:—Opening of the Exhibition of Pictorial Photographs of Mr. Habib I. Rahimtoola, FRPS and Mr Homi K Dadyburjor, ARPS, by Sir Sultan Chinoy at the Photographic Society of India, Hornby Road, Opp. New Book Company at 6-30 p.m. The exhibition will be open to the public from Tuesday 22nd Feb. to Friday 3rd March from 5 p m to 7-30 p.m. daily.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE:—The annual Athletic Sports of Davar's College of Commerce, will be held at the Cooperage on the WIFA Ground from 3-30 p.m to 6-30 p m today (Saturday).

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 18: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 9 hours on 18-2-44:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Fascism and Imperialism march hand in hand; they are blood-brothers. The victory of either is the victory of both all over the world.

—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE CONDITION PRECEDENT

The gist of Lord Wavell's speech being the unmitigated continuance of British imperialism in India at present, with vague promises for the future, imperialists and imperialist papers, particularly those in Britain, naturally support the speech, while nationalists in India as naturally condemn it. As the freedom of Congress leaders is indispensable for any review of the present position, even moderates like Sir Chimanlal Setalvad deplore the Viceroy's obstinacy in denying them even that freedom. Pointing out that "it is only by discussion and consulting amongst themselves that a change of attitude is possible", he adds that "the sneer underlying the statement that the Congress leaders should consult their own conscience is not helpful." Lord Wavell will realise soon enough that such sneers, besides being grossly unfair, will help him in no way and only hinder his work. If he thinks that, if Gandhiji and the Working Committee members continue to be isolated, either of the two may surrender, he is woefully mistaken.

The most pertinent question now is what they should do who desired a settlement more or less on the lines suggested by the Congress. The desire has often been expressed by many of these that there should be a conference of Congressmen and sympathisers who are free to review the situation. We do not think that there is anything wrong in Congressmen attending such a conference It is rather desirable for them to attend it and explain the point of view of the Congress as against those who have been blackguarding it for months past. As we have stated before, details of constitutional demands can be considered only after the Congress leaders are free. What a conference can do now is to endorse the general demand of the Congress for a substantial and immediate transfer of power to the people and insist on the release of Congress leaders both on the ground of justice and as a condition precedent to any kind of settlement. The wider the support for such a demand the greater will be its effectiveness, particularly if strenuous agitation is carried on in a concerted manner. Apart from the question of a constitutional settlement, it will be well for Britain and other united nations to realise that at a time when war exigencies demand maximum co-operation from the people of India the continued incarceration of Congress leaders without a trial and the ban on their interviews among themselves and with other party leaders are ill calculated to enlist such co-operation.

Banking Legislation

Most businessmen will welcome the principle of the Bill, introduced in the Central Assembly, amending the India Companies' Act so as to remedy certain harmful practices that have recently crept into the banking business, such as the appointment of managing directors or managers on long-term contracts on payment of remuneration by commission or a share in the profits, the fixation of the authorised capital at a very high figure as compared with the subscribed and paid up capital and the possession of large voting rights by an individual or a small group of individuals, usually partly paid ordinary or deferred shareholders. It may be remembered that the Indian Companies Amendment Act of 1936 prohibited banks from employing managing agents unless the managing agent was a bank. The promoters of certain new banking companies have resorted to a series of devices to defeat the object of the legislature in insisting upon the elimination of managing agencies from banking companies Long term contracts for appointment of managing directors and managers running into 10, 15 and even 20 years with extravagant terms as to salaries, commissions and shares in profits, coupled with fat promotions and fanciful allowances and various other terms, indicating that they were nothing but camouflaged editions of the old managing agency contracts were entered into with the consent and connivance of boards of directors. Some of the promoters went a step further. Deferred shares of small denominations giving the same voting rights as in the case of ordinary shares of much higher paid up values were issued and allotted to the promoters and their friends with the result that they succeeded, through contribution of a paltry amount, in controlling, not only the destinies of concerns at the expense of ordinary shareholders who had put in the bulk of the capital but also in securing disproportionate rights as to dividends and distribution of surplus on a winding up attached to the deferred shareholders. It was evident that the issue of deferred shares under these circumstances was calculated to encourage speculative business which was not in the interest of depositors. It was not until considerable mischief had taken place that this ramp attracted the notice of the authorities of the Reserve Bank of India who rightly objected to these pernicious developments and brought forward proposals for an amendment of the law. After consulting commercial and other interests Government have now introduced a Bill which seeks to effect changes with a view to putting the management and structures of banking companies on a sound footing.

Some of these changes have been examined and commented upon by Mr. Jagmohandas J. Kapadia in his two articles which appeared in the issues of the "Chronicle" of the 15th and 16th instant, and they need not be restated here in detail. Briefly, the changes proposed by the Bill are that a contract for management of a bank shall not exceed more than five years at one time, that the managing director or manager, as the case may be, shall not be entitled to any remuneration by way of commission or a share in profits, that such contracts would not be renewed or extended except with the consent of the shareholders obtained in general meeting and that these provisions would apply to banking companies doing business in India irrespective of whether they are British Indian companies or otherwise. Regarding capital structures, the changes made are that no banking company, incorporated after 15th January, 1937, shall after two years from the commencement of the new Act carry on business unless (a) its subscribed capital is not less than half the authorised capital and its paid up capital is not less than half the subscribed capital, (b) that the capital consists of ordinary shares only or ordinary shares and such preference shares as may have been issued before the commencement of the new Act and (c) that the voting rights of all shareholders are strictly proportionate to the contribution made by the shareholder, whether a preference shareholder or an ordinary shareholder, to the paid up capital of the company. Opinions may vary on the insistence on only one class of shares, but the above changes generally constitute a decided advance on the present position. We must add, however, that the best remedy for the many evils prevalent in the field of banking lies, not in piecemeal legislation, but in bringing forward a comprehensive Bank Act conceived on right lines.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Arabs And Palestine

In the cable he has sent to the British Prime Minister on the Arab question, Mr. Jinnah voices the apprehension felt in many quarters regarding the future of Palestine. Though the disorders which marked that country for a number of years fortunately ceased on the declaration of war and though further consideration of the question of Jewish immigration has been held in abeyance for the duration, the Zionists are not allowing any grass to grow under their feet. They are conducting an intensive propaganda for the right of unrestricted entry into Palestine. It seems that they have already succeeded in securing the support of high quarters in the United States, their influence being felt even in Washington. The Arabs on their part are naturally fearing that the dice may be loaded against them when the Palestine issue comes on the tapis after the war. It is true that a new spirit of unity is making itself felt in the Arab world and that the integrity of the Arab homeland in Palestine will have the staunch support of all the people in the East. Even so there is the obvious danger of such issues being decided behind the scenes when high-placed personages interest themselves on a particular side, as was so glaringly revealed after the last war. More is the reason therefore why the British Government must be warned in time against breaking the solemn pledges they have given to the Arabs.

Blow To Wehrmacht

Moscow has officially announced the liquidation of the Kanev pocket. The fact that 52,000 Germans have been killed and only 11,000 taken prisoner tells its own gruesome tale. The refusal of the commander of the trapped forces to surrender in spite of the ultimatum handed to him by the Soviet High Command on the 8th instant was probably actuated by the hope that von Manstein's desperate bid to relieve him would succeed at the eleventh hour. He was, of course, being fed on vain hopes and was also sternly warned by the Fuehrer against capitulation. The result has been a virtual harakiri of 52,000 German soldiers, though the published figures leave almost half of the total number to be still accounted for. This is a severe blow to the Wehrmacht and it remains to be seen what Manstein's next move will be as the Russian troops released at Kanev will now execute a flanking movement to cut off his retreat. One wonders whether the relieving forces will not now themselves get trapped in another Red pincers.

Don't Forget Village Sisters

Gwalior Maharani's Appeal At Women's Conference

Rainbow coloured sarees, a variety of hair-do, rouge, lipstick and a hundred other beauty parlour devices which daze the eyes of the mere male, combined to make a pleasant setting at the Convocation Hall on Friday evening, when the Maharani of Gwalior opened the eighth annual conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council. In contrast with the streamlines that greeted the eye from every corner were a few men in baggy coats. Feeling ill-at-ease, they moved about the gangways of the hall, admiring a number of exhibits in the exhibition of women's handwork opened by the Maharani later. Children's clothes, women's handbags, sweets and a variety of other articles meant to please all ages formed an impressive array to testify to the delicate touch of Bombay's Eve.

"A word to you now in confidence" said the Gwalior Maharani at this function "some people seem to think that our movement is confined to the intelligentsia and the upper classes of society. So far as I know none of the women's organisations in this country preclude our sisters hailing from any class or station in life from participating in their activities. It has however to be admitted that our movement has not penetrated sufficiently deep into the rural areas and therefore the consequential awakening in the masses has not been very appreciable."

Enumerating the services that could be rendered to villagers, the Maharani said: "We can educate the villagers in modern methods of sanitation, convey to them the result of recent researches on food values, help them to appreciate better the need of disciplining children and train them in cottage industries."

Initiative and breadth of vision, she said, were required for tackling the question of improvement in the social status of women. It was necessary to destroy the prevailing misguided notion of subordinate position of women.

Mrs. R. B. Billimoria, President of the Women's Council, referred to the manifold activities of the Council, particularly in starting a volunteer corps to help women in Labour areas in securing ration from shops. The Council had devoted attention to the question of women jurors.

Mrs. M. C. Mehta gave a gist of the annual report and Mrs. S. R. Dongerkery thanked the Gwalior Maharani and guests.

GIRL STUDENTS ON STRIKE

Sequel To Suspension Of Lady Superintendent

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 18: The pupils of the municipal girls' high school have gone on a strike as a protest against the suspension of the Lady Superintendent Miss Kapadia.

It appears that the pupils observed the last birthday of Mahatma Gandhi by singing National Songs and hoisting the Congress Flag and some of them picketed at the school gate on the Independence Day. On the alleged failure of the Lady Superintendent to report the matter to the authorities, the Chairman of the Committee of Management of the superseded School Board passed an order suspending her.—A. P.

600 TEACHERS ON STRIKE

NAGPUR, Feb. 18: Six hundred teachers of the Bhandara District Council are on strike since February 10 due, it is stated, to the failure of the Council to grant increased dearness allowance. The Council, it may be mentioned, is at present paying only one rupee per month as dearness allowance to each teacher.—United Press.

MYSINDIA ANNUAL, 1943

The "Mysindia", a weekly, edited and published by Mr. D. N. Hosali at Bangalore, has brought out a bumper Annual for 1943. It is well printed, well got up and beautifully illustrated. Six colour blocks, three pages of photographs and two pages of sketches represent the pictorial side of the Annual. These are contributed by Shri Shanta, and Messrs. M. A. Krishnaswamy, N. S. Subbukrishna, Laksminpathy Sastry, V. R. Keshavraj and R. S. Iyengar. Of these the three colour blocks, "Kerala Putri", "The Black Princess" and "Javanese Dancers" by Shri Shanta are the most outstanding.

The Annual also provides a varied reading fare, either reproduced or originally contributed. There is a formidable list of two poems and 27 articles covering many fields of life and activity. Every reader is bound to find something to interest him in the Annual.

'CRIPPS OFFER AND "QUIT INDIA" GO TOGETHER'

Britain Can't Reiterate First And Get Infuriated Over The Latter, Says "Hindu"

MADRAS, Feb. 17.

Commenting on the Viceroy's speech the "Hindu" says: "His tentative conclusions are assuredly not of such a character as to encourage the hope that he will have the courage and resource to hack a way through the thorny jungle of British bungling, procrastination and obsession with outmoded notions of prestige, to a solution that will heal the sores of the past, promote unity and further the great purposes to which the energies of all great nations must be diverted, if the world that emergies from the war is not to be an even sadder one than it is to-day.

Adverting to the Viceroy's reference to the release of Congress leaders the paper says: "Neither the Viceroy nor any other high authority has so far made it clear what exactly they are objecting to so violently in the August Resolution. Lord Wavell seems to suggest that the thing he cannot swallow is the 'Quit India' demand"

But if, as he has vigorously affirmed, Britain faithfully stands by the Cripps Offer, which is itself an elaborate declaration that Britain will quit after a particular date—the winning of the war—and after a particular event—the evolution of an agreed constitution—why should 'Quit India' infuriate the British Government in this fashion?

BRITAIN'S TASK IN INDIA

London 'Times' On Wavell's 'One Step Forward'

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The "Times" writes:—The next main move in the political field is not within the Viceroy's power alone.

The immense project of a wholly free constitution resting firmly and permanently upon the consent of principal communities in an United India demands, and must win, the co-operation of all parties.....

The principle that the framing of a new constitution should be wholly in Indian hands was at the root of the draft proposals which Sir Stafford Cripps took to India nearly two years ago. It was a genuine attempt to break the deadlock. Sir Stafford Cripps was the transmitter and interpreter of a decision here which was and is accepted as binding and permanent.

Britain ought to meet the demands of political India by withdrawing from participation in the next chapter of Indian constitutional history.

It may well be that the responsibility which Britain carries in India and desires to hand over to a fully self-governing sub-continent will yet quarter—of the plan for preliminary to elicit the elements of a fundamental political compromise.

The time for that has not come yet.

But Lord Wavell took one step forward yesterday in expressing approval—for the first time for an official quarter—of the plan for preliminary examination of the constitutional problem by an authoritative body of Indians such as might furnish the groundwork for a Constituent Assembly, when it becomes practicable to elect one. His expressed desire to give such an exploratory committee every assistance it may require is to be regarded as an earnest of his purpose to take other steps when practicable".

Br. Diehard Press Pats Wavell

The "Yorkshire Post", which terms Lord Wavell's speech as "statesmanlike and magnanimous" writes: "Britain has a duty to all in India She cannot buy Congress co-operation at the price of betraying her trust to other less powerful elements in Indian life. If Congress leaders will recognise this basic fact, if they will appreciate that their demand for the withdrawal of British rule from India in the present circumstances is wholly unrealistic and unreasonable, and if they will show themselves ready to seek a solution of the constitutional problem in consultation with Moslems and other Indian groups, then the way to full Indian self-Government can be found.

"But they should take the warning that Britain is not to be moved from the line of policy which she believes to be based on justice and on sincere regard for India's welfare".

DOUBLE FASCIST BRITISH POLICY

"Lord Wavell's address confirms that his Viceroyalty is no more than a term in a series, an instrument for the execution of the two-faced policy of His Majesty's Government", writes "Hindustan Standard".

"When propositions are couched in general terms and are not intended to be applied for the solution of any immediate problem, one facet of British policy radiates noble sentiments and high purposes. As soon, however, as any concrete problem affecting the political aspirations of India presents itself and calls for immediate action, the other facet is at once turned towards us which directly and without equivocation contradicts all the noble sentiments and high purposes. The two facets have been characteristically presented by Lord Wavell in the course of a single address".

India will appreciate his appeal to geography.

Badoglio Reorganises Ministry

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Marshal Badoglio has reorganised his Ministry, appointing several new Ministers and others from the status of Under-Secretary to full Ministerial rank.

The new additions to the Ministry are Signor Ettore Casati who becomes Minister of Justice, Signor Lucifer Minister for Agriculture, and Signor Dino Philipson Under-Secretary at the Prime Minister's office. The last named has already taken up office.

Signor Casati was formerly first President of the Italian Supreme Court of Appeal.—Reuter.

NEW PRATAP MILL DISPUTE ENDS

Agreement Reached Between Management And Union

NASIK, Feb. 18.

Following the intervention of the District Magistrate, West Khandesh an agreement has been reached between the management of New Pratap Mill and workers of the Girni Kamgar Union, terminating a dispute of eight months' standing, says a report received from Dhulia.

Thirty-two workers, a majority of whom are members of the Indian Communist Party, were removed from service by the management of the mill and the action of the management was supported by the Industrial Board.

The Union then submitted a memorandum to Government on their behalf. Thereupon the District Magistrate intervened and held a discussion over the dispute with representative of the management of the mill and the Union and a compromise was effected.

The management have agreed to reinstate 24 out of the 32 workers and postponed consideration of the remaining cases.—United Press.

Burma Indian Delegation's Demands

SIMLA, Feb. 18:—The United Press learns that the memorandum submitted yesterday to the Burma Governor by the Burma Indian delegation to the Burma Reconstruction Conference demanded that no restrictions should be put on the entry of Indians into Burma and that in this matter there should be no discrimination between British subjects of the United Kingdom and those of India.

With regard to trade, profession service, etc., the delegation definitely expressed the view that there should be no discrimination against Indians and that there should be equal treatment with other British subjects of the United Kingdom.

The United Press learns that during the two-hour discussions with the Burma Governor on the memorandum the delegation took their stand on the Baxter report and practical experiences that no economic loss was suffered by the Burmese on account of Indian immigration and that no case had been made out for imposing a ban on the immigration of Indian labour.

The delegation is entertaining the Governor to lunch today.—United Press.

Bombay Government Gazette

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. W. J. Banham, Offig. Dist. Supt. of Police, Ratnagiri, on relief, to be Dy. Suptdt. of Police, Poona, vice Mr. D. H. Heale transferred.

Mr. G. K. Rege, Barrister-at-Law, to officiate as Additional Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, vice Mr. K. J. Khandalawala resigned.

Mr. M. Nasrulla, Barrister-at-Law, to officiate as Additional Presidency Magistrate, Bombay.

Dr. D. R Vaidya, M.S. (Madras), S.M.S., to be Offig. Dy. Supdt., Central Mental Hospital, Yeravda, vice Dr. G. A. Bhagwat.

The appointment of Mr. P. M. Joseph in the temporary post of Principal Training Institute for Physical Education, Kandivli, is to continue up to 31st May 1945.

FAMINE COSTS ELEVEN CRORES

Deficit Budget For Bengal: Hope Of Subvention From Centre

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.—Nearly eleven crores of rupees has been spent in one form or other by the Bengal Government on the relief of distress connected with the famine in Bengal, according to the budget statement for 1944-45 and the revised estimates for the current financial year, introduced in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

The Bengal Budget estimates for 1944-45, show a deficit of 846 lakhs. The revenue is estimated at 2,197 lakhs and the expenditure at 3,043 lakhs. Corresponding figures for 1943-44 are revenue 2,134 lakhs; expenditure 2,254 lakhs; deficit 1,120 lakhs. 1944-45 will close with a negative balance of 1,065 lakhs.

Explaining why the closing balance was shown "unashamedly as a minus one" and he had adopted the unprecedented course of presenting a budget in which no steps had been taken to make good the expected depletion of their balance, the Finance Minister, Mr. T. C. Goswami, said that in November last the Government of Bengal addressed the Government of India and asked for a subvention. So far no reply had been received from the Government of India, but he was hopeful that assistance would be forthcoming.

The Finance Minister hoped to raise in the two years 1943-44 and 1944-45 ten crores more revenue than was raised in the two preceding years, apart altogether from larger receipts under Income-Tax.

LONDON COLLECTIONS

More than £32,000 has so far been received by the High Commissioner for India in London, in response to his appeal of October 30 last, on behalf of the many sufferers in India. This will be transmitted to the Viceroy's Central India Relief Fund.

Control Over Weavers With 25 Or More Looms

BOMBAY, Feb. 18:—A Press Note issued by the office of the Textile Commissioner says:—

"Prices of cloth produced by manufacturers who do not spin any yarn have hitherto not been controlled. It has now been decided that in cases where such manufacturers possessed less than 25 looms on the 1st January, 1944, this exemption should continue, but that in those cases where they possessed 25 looms or more the exemption should be discontinued from May 1.

All such owners will, therefore, have to stamp prices on their cloth from that date and they should, therefore, submit full-width samples with full manufacturing particulars to their panel members by March 15.

At the latest, if this has not already been done Any one who had 25 or more looms on January 1 and does not submit full informaton by March 15 will be liable to have his texmark cancelled."—A. P.

VERRIER ELWIN FOR BARODA

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 18.

In response to the Gaekwad Government's invitation, Mr. Verrier Elwin has started for Donds' uplift in Mandla District. He left for Bombay en route to Baroda, where he will study the condition of Bhils as suggested by Sir Francis Wylie, Political Adviser to H. E. the Crown Representative and submit a report.

Mr. Elwin may also meet Sir Francis, who is expected to visit Baroda in the near future.

RELEASED FROM JUBBULPORE JAIL

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 17

Mangalchand Singhi, ex-President, Municipal Committee, Gotegaon, Pundit Lokamani Jain and Babulal Jain, security prisoners belonging to Gotegaon (Hoshangabad District) were released last evening from Jubbulpore jail unconditionally.

Polish Govt. Willing To Take First Step

Order Underground Leaders To Co-operate With Soviets Even Before Moscow Resumes Relations

LONDON, Feb 18.

It is understood that the Polish Government is now prepared to take a first step with a view to a progressive settlement of the questions in dispute with the Soviet Government, says a message from Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London.

To this end the Polish Government would instruct leaders of the underground movement in Poland to co-operate actively with the Russian Army.

Now a Polish Government instruction to underground leaders to co-operate with Soviet armies entering Poland and to co-operate with Soviet commanders in the event of a resumption of Polish-Soviet relations has remained in force. Co-operation was thus made conditional on a resumption of relations. The necessity for an understanding between Polish militants and Russian armies is growing more pressing daily as the Russians advance.

Co-operation between Polish underground forces and Russian armies would require in practice a military agreement in which the Russian Commander-in-Chief would officially recognise the Polish militants as Allies. Such an agreement has yet to be reached.

What is new in the situation is a fact that the Polish Government is ready to order co-operation without waiting for a resumption of relations with Moscow.—Reuter.

INVITATION TO MRS. NAIDU

LONDON, Feb. 17

Nearly twenty members of Parliament, mostly Labour, have signed the following cable which the Committee of Indian Congressmen in Great Britain are sending to Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in Bombay, the only member of the Congress Working Committee not imprisoned: "Would you agree to come to Britain to state India's case for independence? If you can come, we will ask the British Government to provide the facilities."—Reuter.

SARDAR PRITHVI SINGH RELEASED

Sardar Prithvi Singh who was arrested in October 1943 and detained in Yerwada Central Prison was it is understood, released unconditionally on February 16.

EX-PREMIER OF C. P. ILL IN JAIL

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, Feb. 17. Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla, ex-Premier C. P. and Berar, who is now detained in the Jubbulpore Central Jail has written to his relatives that he is getting constant slight temperature, probably due to pus getting absorbed into his system. Dr. Chariar, who carried out the nasal operation, had opined that the risk of operation above the pus centre is great, and it is now found that the treatment had done no good so far.

It appears, Pt. Shukla has written to the Provincial Government to make it possible for him to meet Dr. Mehta of Bombay. He has pain in joints and finds it difficult to move about. He gets a severe headache once or twice a week.

STUDENT SUSPENDED

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, (By Mail): Mr. P. D. Pandit, a student of fourth year of Holkar College, has been suspended for three months on the charge of assaulting Mr. Bansal, a fellow student of the College. Mr. Pandit will not be able to appear for the Examinations to be held in the months of March and April Mr. Pandit, it is stated, assaulted Mr. Bansal on 9th evening. The Principal has handed over the case to police.

SIND INTERNEE RELEASED

KARACHI, Feb. 18: Information has been received here through the Government of India from His Majesty's Government that a British subject, namely, Mr. Kishin Pessumal Mahtani of Hyderabad (Sind), who was interned at St. Denis (France) has been released.—United Press.

TWO LABOUR WORKERS JAILED

SURAT, Feb. 18: Two labour workers who were arrested for alleged instigation to strike by the workers of the Niranjan Mills, have been sentenced to one year R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 100 each or six months' further imprisonment in default, and to another six months on another count. Both the sentences are to run concurrently.

Four out of the seven persons who were standing their trial at the Sessions for attacking a police party to set free some prisoners of the Karadi Matwad case at village Pethan in Jalalpore Taluka, have been sentenced to nine months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 100 or in default to one month's further imprisonment. The remaining three persons were declared not guilty.—United Press.

K. BASHYAM INTERVIEWS DETENUS

TANJORE, Feb. 18: Mr. K. Bashyam, an advocate of Madras, interviewed some of the detenus in the Special Jail as legal adviser in connection with the Government's letter explaining the reasons for their detention.

It is understood that Mr. Bashyam will submit a memorandum on behalf of the detenus in the Tanjore Special Jail to the Government.—U. P.

COMMUNIST ARRESTED

MASULIPATAM, Feb. 18: Mr. V. G. Krishna, Secretary of the Masulipatam Town Communist Party, has been arrested in connection with a local factory strike.—U. P.

CALCUTTA: It is understood that the Bengal Government have decided, on the recommendation of the District Board of Murshidabad, to abolish local boards in the district of Murshidabad.—U. P.

M.L.A.'S APPEAL ADMITTED

GORAKHPUR, Feb. 18: Holding that the U. P. Government was not authorised to ban the entry of Mr. Shibban Lal Saksena, M.L.A., into the Gorakhpur and Benares Divisions and secondly that he did not reside in the Gorakhpur District, Mr. James, Sessions Judge, Gorakhpur, allowed the appeal of Mr. Shibban Lal Saksena against a sentence of one year's rigorous imprisonment passed on him for defiance of an externment order purporting to be under Rule 26 (1) (C) of the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

M.L.A. ARRESTED UNDER D.I.R.

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb 17

Sjt. Harprasad Mehta, M.L.A., and prominent Congress worker, a member of the Gujarat Central Election Committee for Municipality and Local Boards was arrested this noon, under the Defence of India Rules 56 (4) for delivering a speech in a peasants' meeting in Viramgam taluka and was taken to jail immediately.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MADRAS, Feb. 18.

No student who has been convicted in a court of law for disloyal activities or who has been detained under the Defence of India Rules or Restriction Ordinance shall be admitted or readmitted into a college or school without the previous sanction of the Director of Public Instruction.

The above announcement is made in the Fort St. George Gazette which has published the new amendment to the Madras Educational Rules—United Press.

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Said the Viceroy: "I believe firmly in the future of India".

India, however, cannot reciprocate the sentiment by believing in the future of the Viceroy.

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The Viceroy declared that "the demand for release of those leaders who are in detention is an utterly barren one."

But then equally—if not more—barren is the policy of not releasing them! Or has it borne any worthwhile fruit?

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Twenty members of Parliament have invited Mrs. Naidu to go to Britain "to state India's case for independence."

It is not at all necessary for her to undertake all that arduous journey. Mr. Amery is already there, diligently stating India's case for independence—even to the extent of writing a book called "India And Freedom"!

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The telegram of invitation reads: "Would you agree to come to Britain to state India's case for independence? If you can come, we will ask the British Government to provide the facilities."

The facilities will have to include a censor to accompany her, if the Government of India has anything to do with her trip.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *President Roosevelt has informed the U. S. Congress that he will veto the new Tax Bill and Lord Wavell may follow suit by vetoing the Railway Budget.*

(2) *The Viceroy believes in hastening the pace of India's progress—slowly and slowly!*

(3) *The Punjab C.I.D. officials admit they acted foolishly in the Pardiwala case but they have no intention of acting differently in future because they are convinced that it is folly to be wise.*

(4) *People with names such as Batliwala, Bardiwala, Palkiwala, Faltuwala, Malkiwala, etc. are nowadays afraid of going to the Punjab as they fear they might be arrested under mistaken identity.*

(5) *Comrade Batliwala, meanwhile, is contemplating legal action against the Punjab C.I.D. for even imagining that he, a Communist, could have anything to do with the legal defence of a Congress Socialist like Jaiprakash Narain.*

(6) *War contractors, WACS, officials of the National War Front and Royists are angry with the Viceroy for not mentioning them specifically when he enumerated the friends of the Government whom he enumerated.*

RAILWAY FARE INCREASE, A GRAVE SCANDAL

Merchants' Protest Against Additional Unbearable Burden

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have sent a telegram to Sir Edward Benthall, Member for War Transport, Government of India, New Delhi, regarding the Railway Budget for the year 1944-45 in the course of which they state:

"The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have considered the speech made by the Hon. Member for War Transport while presenting the Railway Budget for 1944-45 in the Central Legislature. With an addition of the expected surplus of Rs. 43.77 crores for 1943-44, the total amount of the surpluses from the outbreak of the war has exceeded Rs. 139 crores, contributing over Rs. 89 crores to the General Revenues. This will be further swelled by the expected surplus of Rs. 52.21 crores in 1944-45 with a further contribution of over Rs. 31 crores to the General Revenues alone.

GRAVE SCANDAL

With these huge and growing surpluses year after year Committee are of the opinion that there could not be the slightest justification for imposing a levy of 25 per cent on the poor man's resources for travel, but they are also constrained to observe that with the progressively diminishing facilities, conveniences and amenities for travel and with the increasing curtailment of services and the rising overcrowding with untold discomforts and harassment and humiliation to which the travelling public is subjected, the proposal to increase fares by 25 per cent constitutes a grave scandal and glaringly exhibits how oppressively unmindful of the needs and woes of the travelling people of this country the proposal is.

Unbearable Burden

Mr. Ramdeo Podar, President of the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce has sent the following telegram to the Secretary, Railway Board:—

"Marwadi Chamber of Commerce most emphatically protests against the War Transport Member's proposal increasing 25 per cent in railway fares from April 1. Reasons for increasing fares placed by Transport Member most unconvincing. Booking to splendid surpluses of railways, inconveniences and hardships experienced by Third Class Passengers due to inadequate facilities and present abnormal high cost of living which has wrought havoc upon the poor of the country, the proposed measure is highly unjustifiable. Government must be aware poor and middle class people travel these days not for pleasure, but when compelled to seek their livelihood. Chamber most respectfully, but strongly, urges upon Government not to impose this additional unbearable burden when country already subjected to heavy taxation."

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		22	12- 0-6	0-10-6
		24	13- 2-0	0-11-6
		28	15- 5-0	0-13-3
Badami	In substances of 18 x 22-14 lbs. and upwards.	14	7- 2-3	0- 6-3
		16	8- 2-9	0- 7-0
		18	9- 3-0	0- 8-0
		20	10- 3-3	0- 9-0
		22	11- 3-9	0- 9-9
		24	12- 4-0	0-10-9
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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb. 18.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was again quiet to-day with increased selling in Steel Shares while Textile Shares were barely steady with a moderate turnover Tata Steel Dfd Shares opened at Rs. 2,082 and declined to Rs. 2,052 and recovered to Rs. 2,062 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 411 and quietened at Rs 409. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,165 and stood at Rs. 2,090 while Kohinoors were quoted at Rs 714. Century Mill Shares opened at Rs. 1,085 and improved to Rs 1,089. The general sentiment remains bearish.

TEXTILE: Ahmed. Advance 503-8, Apollo 5,5, Bharat Mills 87, Bom. Dyeing 2,090, Cent India 451, Century 1,095, Colaba 244, Dawn 1,700, Ed. Sassoon 855, Elphinstone 124, Finlay 350, Gokak 369, Hindustan 4,085, Ind. Bleaching 221, Ind. United Ord. 20-1, Ind. United Defd 4-4, Indore Malwa 1,190, Khatau 450, Kohinoor 711, Lakshmi 1,782-8 Madhowji 20, Minerva 320, Model Nagpur 327-8, Madhusudan 545, Meyer Sassoon 245, Morarji 825, Mysore xd 315, New City 503-10, New Great 450, Pheenix 776-4 Podar Mills 495, Sassoon Silk 103-8, Sassoon Spg. 31-12, Shoapur 8,875, Simplex 282-8, Swadeshi 614, Swan 376, Tata Mills 69, Shri Nivas 462-8, Vishnu 600, Western India 3,700.

INS.: Bom Life 225, Empire Life 820, Oriental 6,310, Vulcan 20-4, Indust. and Prudent 40-8, Ind. Mercantile 82, Jupiter 42, New India Ass. 82-9.

HYDRO & ELEC.: Ahmed. Elec. 198-12, And. Valley 1,837-8 Ajmere 14-12, Bom. Suburban 199-6, Bom. Tram Ord. 141-8, Broach 13-8, Karachi 253-12 Poona 300, Surat 197-8, Surat New Rs. 50 Pr. 70 Tata Hydro Ord. 199, Tata Power Ord. 1,862-8.

BANK: Baroda Bank 145-8. Bank of India 231-8, Imperial Bank 1,995, Imperial Partly paid 520, Reserve Bank 135, Cent. Bank 91-4, Union Bank 10-4, Habib Bank 86-8

PREF. SHARES: 7 p.c. And. Valley 1,706-4. 6 p.c. Bom. Steamer 340, 7 p.c. Bom. Tram 65-4, 5 p.c. Cent. India 732-8, 6-1/2 p.c. Jupiter 20-4, 6-1/2 p.c. Surat 198-12. 6-1/4 p.c. Prem; Const. 1st 140. 6-1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd 136. 6 p.c. Tata I and S. 1st 220, 7-1/2 p.c. Tata II Pref. 158 7 p.c. Tata Hydro 175, 7 p.c. Tata Power 1,789. 7 p.c. Vishnu 785.

DEBENTURES: 4 p.c. And. Valley 106. 4 p.c. Tata Chem. 234. 4 p.c. Tata Power 108. 6 p.c. Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY: Ahmed. Prantej 845. Cent. Prov. 105. Dhond Baramati 118. Gujerat 98. Hoshiarpur Doab 106. Mandra Bhon 106. Mymensing Rebt. 105. Mymensing Gtd. 104. Sara Sirajganj 108. Sialkot Narowal 125. Sialkot New 54.

MISCELLANEOUS GROUP: Alembic Chem. 388-12. Alcock Ashdown 627-8. Asso. Cement 219-8. Bom. Burma Old 422-8. Bombay Burma New 157-8. Bom. Steamer 677-8. B. B. Petrol 3-1. Belapur 233-8. Invest. Trust 74. Prem. Const. 225-8. Port Canning 104-0. Scindia 35-10. Shivrajpur 75. Tata Chem 31-6. Tata Oil 82. Tata Ord. 493-8 Tata Defd. 2,062. Ind. Radio Ord. 500. Ind. Radio Defd 490 Wimco 334. Bl. I. C. 6-7. Burma Corp 3-13. Ind. Copper 2-13. Ind Iron 36-4. Steel Corp. 27-4. New Vict. Ord. 9-13. H. Co Bank 62. U. Co. Bank 76. Elphin. Pref. 241-8. Bradbury Pref. 610. Bradbury Ord. 450. Dharamsi Chem 75. Jaipur Bank 72.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52 Loan 99-14, 3-1/2 p.c. G. P. Note 98-13, 3 p.c. 1946 Def. 1st 102-3. 3 p.c. 1949-52 2nd 100-13, 3 p.c. 1951-54 3rd 100-3, 3 p.c. 1953-55 4th Def 100-2-8, 3 p.c. 1963-65 Loan 98-9, 3-1/2 p.c. 1947-50 Loan 103-5 4 p.c. 1960-70 Loan 112-11. 4-1/2 p.c 1955-60 Loan 115-12.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 p.c. B. P. T. 1974 113-8, 4 p.c. M. Deb. 1974 113-8. 5 p.m. M. Deb. 1959 121, 6 p.c. M. Deb. 1954 130-2, 6 p.c. K. P. T. 1956 134.

TAX FREE LOANS: 5 p.c. 1945-55 Loan 105-5, 4 p.c. 1953-63 Mysore 123-6 3 p.c. Mysore 1955 135-8.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at 168-8-0 Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d and New York Silver was unchanged at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was dull to-day with less enthusiasm. There is no inclination to support the market and speculative interest is gradually decreasing with professional operators leaning on the bear side. Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 123-12 and Gold business was done at Rs. 70-14-6

Later on there was moderate buying and covering which hardened prices. Quotations; Ready Silver Rs. 126-4, Forward Rs. 124-8, Ready Gold Rs. 70-15-6, Forward Rs. 70-15-8

COTTON: The local market opened quiet to-day and under scattered selling declined further but timely small support from professional operators saved the market from a further fall and prices recovered. March opened at Rs. 463-8 and declined to Rs. 462 but later steadied at Rs. 463-8. May contract after touching Rs. 458 rallied to Rs. 459. The general tendency seems downward.

Prices steadily improvd to Rs. 464-12, but at this level there appeared renewed selling and prices declined to Rs. 462-12. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C March Rs. 462-12 I C C May Rs. 457-12. I C C July Rs. 459-4.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

I C C March highest 468 lowest 462-3/4, closing 463-3/4 I C C May highest 463-1/2 lowest 459-1/2, closing 459-3/4 I C C July highest 466, lowest 462, closing 462-1/4.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March Contract is below New York March 282 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh—106. Sindh-Punjab—1,172. Total 1,278 Bales.

COTTON ROOM RATES

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	F. Good
Jarilla	486	476	466	461
L. S. S. Pun.-Amer.	615	610	605	600
289 F. Pun.-Amer.	660	655	650	645
N. T. Sind-Ameri.	615	610	605	600
Sawgin Sind-Ameri.	665	660	655	650

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

	Ready Old	Ready New	Delivery Contract New Feb.
Khandesh Jarilla	300/330	390/420	
Berar Jarilla	340/360	430/55	
289 F. Roller	520/575	630/55	635/50
N. T. Roller	490/515	600/05	600/05
289 F. Sawginned	560/600	710/15.	

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 17.

March Old 20.70+02, May Old 20.31 +02, July Old 19.83—01. October 19.42—03 December 19.21—08 January 19.11—08 March highest 20.75+07 (10-20 a.m.), lowest 20.70+02 (11-53 a.m.), Middling Spot 21.47+01.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March 20.86+01 May 20.46 July 20.00—2 October 19.42—06 December 19.24—08 January 19.16—08 Middling Spot 20.55

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

March 20.73, May 20.33 July 19.87

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 17.

Spot 23-1/2, Forward 23-1/2.

LONDON GOLD

London Gold Fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb. 17.

T. T. London On:—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2 buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid Official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4. Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 17.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 per cent £71-7/8, Consols 2-1/2 per cent £79-1/2, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 per cent 1961 £105-5/16, War Loan 3-1/2 per cent £103-7/8, Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £113-7/8 Victory Bonds 4 per cent £112, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China £10, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £77, National Bank of India £67.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 11th February:—

Demand Liabilities in India Rs. 508,99,76,000, Time Liabilities in India Rs. 168,03,15,000.

Cash in India: (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes Rs. 20,82,797,000 (ii) Rupee Coin Rs. 1,78,37,000. (iii) Subsidiary Coin Rs. 39,06,000. Balances with Reserve Bank Rs. 55,28,67,000. Advances in India Rs. 185,74,01,000. Bills Discounted in India Rs. 7,93,90,000.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE: Anaconda Copper Mining Shares 25-1/8—1/8 General Motors 54-1/4+1/2, U. S. Steel Corporation 52-1/8+1/4.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF B. P. T. DOCKS.

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"What do you mean, waive the hearing?"

"I mean I don wan' to hear no mo' 'bout it."

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"The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" regarded the Viceroy's speech as "one more invitation." Please note, however, that there was no RSVP requested.

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Prominent American: "What do you think is the greatest bond existing between India and the U. S."

Cocky Indian: "Cotton Futures."

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UNCENSORED WAR NEWS

A newly appointed War correspondent has been shot in the arm—with an anti-Typhoid vaccine.

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According to a New Delhi report, the Muslim League spokesman preferred to leave it to Mr Jinnah to express the Party's views

His Master's Voice?

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Naval News:—"Malaviya's Move Torpedoed"—headline in local paper Probably the correct word was SUNK

Raid On Alleged Hoarder Reveals Swords Instead Of Grains

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 17.

Acting on the information that Mr. Maruti Dada Jairh residing at Wirswde, Sholapur Taluka was in possession of a large stock of food grains, the police authorities searched his house, but instead of foodgrain they have recovered two swords. The police have arrested him for being in possession of these weapons without regular license.

Similarly the police searched the house of Bandoo Tuka but there also instead of grain they recovered a sword which they have confiscated.

MONEY MARKET

(F. O. S. C.)

Bombay, Feb. 18.

MONEY:—The easy trend in the short-term money market experienced little change despite seasonal demand for financing crops, because of plethora of idle funds in the market. Day to day loans were quoted at 1/4 per cent, three months money and 1/2 per cent and six months around 3/4 per cent. The Treasury Bill rate again showed a fractional improvement from Rs. 0-12-0 to Rs. 0-12-6 per cent.

The weekly return of the Reserve Bank of India compiled upto 11th February 1944 reveals an increase of Rs 7.52 crores in note circulation from Rs. 863.09 crores to Rs. 870.61 crores. The total note issue has also expanded by Rs. 9.93 crores from Rs. 870.07 crores to Rs. 880.00 crores. On the Assets' side Sterling Securities has gone up by Rs. 11 crores, where the Bank's holding of Rupee Coins has declined by Rs. 1.07 crores to Rs 13.42 crores. In the Banking Department Government Deposits have gone up by Rs. 1.51 crores, but bankers and other deposits have declined by Rs. 6.71 and Rs 3.73 crores respectively. Balance held abroad are down by Rs. 3.22 crores.

A small fall of Rs. 36.75 lakhs is revealed by the statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 11th February 1944. Both Investments and Advances are up by Rs. 357.69 lakhs and Rs. 323.77 lakhs respectively, while the Bank's holding of cash has fallen by Rs. 7.03 crores.

SHARES:—The pre-budget hesitance which was noticeable towards the close of the last week continued to influence the share market this week also. The trend of prices in all sections was downward with occasional spurts on bear covering. The volume of business transacted was large

EFFECT OF RISE IN SILVER PRICE

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THE NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay.

Closing date:— 26th February, 1944. 7841

G.I.P. RAILWAY

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Rly., Poona, invites tenders upto 14.00 Hrs. on 1-3-44 for carrying out an extension of the High Service Tank House in the Loco Yard at Poona Station. The forms of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract may obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3/-. These sums will not be refunded. (7857)

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from local dealers for handling Government coal for H. M. Ships, H. M. I. Ships and Hired Transports at the undermentioned Ports during the period from 1st April, 1944 to 31st March, 1945.

Tender Forms and "Instructions to Tenderers' can be obtained from the following Officers at the undermentioned Ports:—

(1) ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SEA TRANSPORT, OFFICER, INDIA, 10, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Junior Dental Surgeon for the Dental Clinic, Tata Hospital, Jamshedpur. Women eligible. Pay Rs. 225/- per month plus free quarters or an allowance of Rs. 22/8/- per month in lieu thereof. Private practice is not allowed. Candidates should possess both medical and dental qualifications. Applications should reach the General Manager, Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, not later than 10th March, 1944. 7835

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PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICE OF THE STEEL IMPORT CONTROL, CALCUTTA

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOLDERS of import licences for goods falling under Part I of the Schedule attached to Government of India, Commerce Department Notification No. 23-ITC/43, dated the 1st July, 1943 are informed that in cases where the goods covered by such licence have been shipped but lost enroute to India, replacement consignments can be imported against the original licences.

THE PREMIER CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY that at the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held this day the dividends have been made payable as from Saturday the 26th February, 1944, instead of from Monday the 13th March, 1944.

B. D. SARDESAI, Secretary.

Construction House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, 18th Feby. 1944. (7873)

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(Sd.) W. J. G. HUGHES, Lieutenant (N.) R.I.N. (7861)

NOTICE

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from local dealers for handling Government coal at Bombay including unstacking, bunkering, removing and replacing, etc., for H. M. I. Ships during the period from 1st April, 1944 to 31st March, 1945.

Tender Forms and "Instructions to Tenderers' can be obtained from the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, INDIA, BOMBAY. SEA TRANSPORT OFFICE. 10, NICOL ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, BOMBAY. 7832

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dividend @ 8% (less tax) on Preference Shares and @ 7% (free of tax) on Ordinary Shares for the year ended 31st March, 1943, have been declared in the last Ordinary General Meeting held on 6-2-44 at the mill premises of the Company. Distribution will commence from 29-2-44 serially according to the Share Register.

For & on behalf of, Sri Durga Cotton Spg. & Wvg. Mills Ltd.,
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Secretaries & Agents. (7868)

KURLA MUNICIPAL BOROUGH.

HOUSE VALUATIONS FOR 1944-45

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, as required by Section 80 of the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act of 1925, that the entries, as required by clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of Section 78 of the aforesaid Act, have been completed in the assessment-list for the several wards of the Municipal Borough for the year 1944-45 and that the said assessment-list may be inspected and extract made therefrom, free of charge, at the Municipal office on week days excepting Sundays and Holidays, during office hours by every person claiming to be owner or occupier of the property included therein and by any agent of such person.

Notice also is hereby given, under section 81 (1) of the aforesaid Act, that the Municipality will proceed to revise the valuation and assessment entered in the aforesaid assessment-list after one month from the date hereof.

All objections to the valuation and assessment entered in the said list shall be made to the Standing Committee on or before Saturday 25th March 1944 by application in writing stating the grounds on which the said valuation and assessment are disputed

K. S. VENKATRAM, Supt. Rates & Taxes, Kurla Municipal Borough.
Municipal Office, Kurla, 19th February 1944. (7862)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for temporary posts of Tally Clerks in the Docks Department. Selected candidates will be appointed as "B" Grade Tally Clerks on Rs. 1-8-0 per day plus War Allowance as admissible to this grade, subject to their passing a Medical examination by the Bombay Port Trust Administrative Medical Officer. Candidates whose work has been satisfactory will be considered for appointments on the Permanent Schedule as and when vacancies arise. Further terms of service will be intimated on application at the office of the Manager.

Applicants should present themselves with applications and testimonials at the Office of the undersigned at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, the 23rd February and Thursday, the 24th February, 1944.

W. G. H. TEMPLETON, Manager,
Bombay Port Trust Docks,
17th February 1944.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. (7865)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WAR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Firms (or persons) who imported Motor Cars and/or Trucks during the years 1937, 1938 and 1939 are requested to furnish a statement in the form below of their imports during each of those years. Information should also be given regarding

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(2) whether distributing rights are still held.

The statement and information should be sent in time to reach this Department by the 8th March 1944.

Controller of Road Transport.

	1937	1938	1939
PASSENGER CARS of makes and types			
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2			
3			
4			
and so on			
Total			
TRUCKS— of makes and types			
1			
2			
3			
4			
and so on			
Total			

(7866)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS preferably from natives of Bombay Province are invited for the post of Store-Clerks in the grade of Rs. 50-5/2-90 plus Dearness Allowance admissible. The post is temporary at present. Applicants should be matriculates with at least one year's store-keeping experience in some firm of standing. Apply with age, qualifications and experience to Director of Industries, Old Custom House Yard, on or before 29th February, 1944. (7859)

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

Finance Department (Supply)

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates for temporary posts of clerks in the offices under the Finance Department (Supply) Bombay Secretariat. Applicants must be Matriculates with a total of at least 50% marks. The scale of pay is Rs. 50-3-95 plus dearness allowance as sanctioned by Government from time to time.

Applications are also invited for temporary appointments as typists in the Finance Department (Supply). Speed required is about 40 words per minute. The scale of pay, dearness allowance, will be the same as that of clerks above.

Applications should be submitted to the Establishment Officer, Finance Department (Supply), Secretariat, Bombay, so as to reach him not later than 23rd February, 1944. (7869)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1969 of 1926.

LAXMIDAS BHAVANIDAS and others. .. Plaintiffs.
vs.
Bai SUKHABAI, widow .. Defendant.

And in Suit No. 2858 of 1926.

SHANKERLAL RAMDAS .. Plaintiff.
vs.
SUKHABAI, widow .. Defendant.

And in Suit No. 1151 of 1927.

EBRAHIM HAJI DAWOOD .. Plaintiff.
vs.
Bai SUKHABAI, widow .. Defendant.

And

Messrs. PATHARE and LILADHAR .. Applicants.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a warrant of sale of immovable property, dated the 19th day of January, 1944, the Sheriff has been directed to sell by Public Auction at the instance of Messrs. Pathare and Liladhar, the applicants abovenamed all the right, title and interest of the Defendant Bai Sukhabai, widow of Manilal Mohanlal in her capacity as sole executrix of the will of Manilal Mohanlal and also in her personal capacity in the following property subject to the rights of mortgagee and without prejudice to their right to deal with the attached property in terms of their securities.

All that piece of Government land with dwelling house thereon situate at Duncan Road, Bombay, admeasuring 159 square yards or thereabouts bearing Old No. 1769, New No. 8803, Old Survey No. 1|1272, New Survey No. 4741 and Cadastral Survey No. 3743 of Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal C Ward No. 7343 and Old Street Nos. 151-153-155 and New Street Nos. 447-449.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having rights in or charges or claims on the abovenamed property (other than claims involving an objection to the attachment or seeking the removal of the same) that they should on or before the 17th day of March, 1944, lodge in my office an affidavit verified by oath or solemn affirmation of such rights, claims or charges.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1944.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (7860)

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NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 3rd March to THURSDAY, 23rd March, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. J. DOCTOR, Secretary. (7871)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 2115 of 1936.

BALVANTRAO K. DESAI .. Plaintiff.
vs.
MATHURADAS WALJI and others .. Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 5th July, 1943, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at the site of the premises at Cavel Street on Friday 17th March, 1944, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS

ALL that piece of land of Fazandari tenure at Cavel Street in Bombay, admeasuring 191 Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing Municipal C Ward No. 3761, Street No. 108 and New Survey No. 200 and Cadastral Survey No. 1879 of Bhuleshwar Division and which land forms part of a large piece of land.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MALVI RANCHODDAS & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at Yusuf Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1944.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (7856)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 1414 of 1942

Bai MANORAMABAI YASHWANT THAKRE .... Plaintiff.
vs.
Bai SITABAI, widow of Dwarkanath Chhapwale Defendant.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 13th August, 1943, the following immoveable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on TUESDAY, 14th March, 1944, at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS

All that piece of Government land bearing non-agricultural No. 137 with dwelling house thereon at Bandra Palli Road, in the Bombay Suburban and bearing Bandra Municipal No. 13 and Collector of Thana non-agricultural Survey No. 137 and admeasuring 150 square yards or thereabouts.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. R. E. PAPA & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 41 Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1944.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (7855)

THE AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 1944

The above Tournament will commence on the BOMBAY GYMKHANA GROUND on SATURDAY, 11th March, 1944.

Entries will be received up to 6-00 P.M. on Saturday, 4th March and the draw will take place at the Bombay Gymkhana on Tuesday, 7th March, 1944, at 7-00 P.M.

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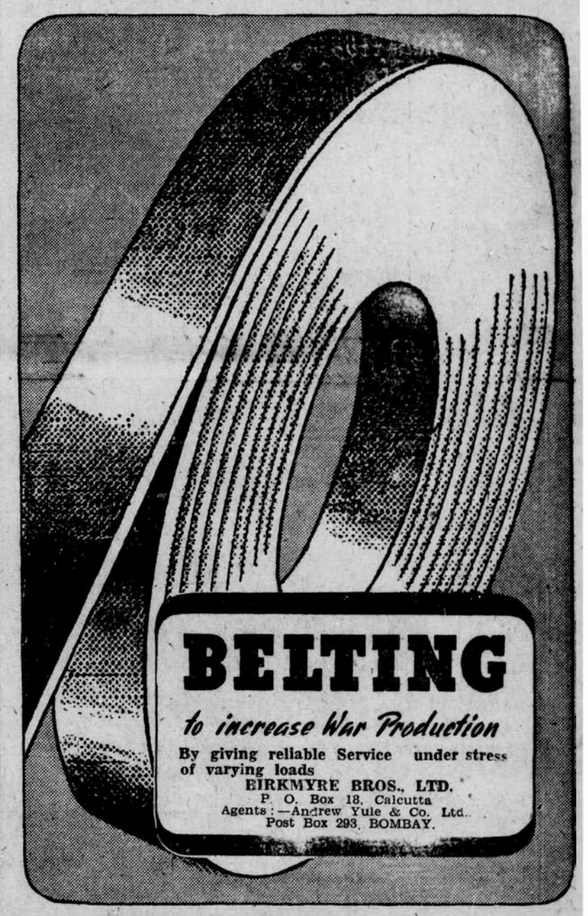

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